DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, Sir.

Recommendation of ICMR for Copper-T-380A

1649. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recommended the latest version of Copper T-380A for the family planning programme of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have also approved the recommendation of ICMR of Copper T-380A for their programme; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to introduce this Copper-T in various health centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Demand of Coloured Picture Tubes

1650. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Colour Picture Tubes required for meeting the domestic needs of television transmission in India;

(b) what would be the demand of coloured picture tubes for exports from India from 1990 onwards, especially from the USSR;

(c) what is the present capacity of production of Coloured Picture Tubes in India; and

(d) how does the production compare with the demand for Coloured Picture Tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) During 1989-90 demand of Colour Picture Tubes for domestic needs has been estimated to be 1.6 million numbers.

(b) While there is a good potential for exports of Colour Picture Tubes to many countries including USSR, no firm demand has been received for its exports from 1990 onwards.

(c) the total installed capacity for Colour Picture Tubes in India is 1.75 million numbers per annum.

(d) During 1989-90, it is estimated that approximately 1.4 million Colour Picture Tubes will be produced locally.

Deficiency of Vitamin-B2

1651. SHIR SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that deficiency of riboflavin (Vitamin-B2) is a common problem in the country, which results in cataract;

(b) whether Government are aware that nearly 80 per cent of children and the adults coming from low income groups suffer from this deficiency; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard? ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The clinical deficiency of riboflavin (seen as angular stomatitis and glossitis) occurs to the extent of 10.25 per cent, the highest incident being in pregnant women followed by that in school children. Although general